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Examiner Jiri F. Smetana

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For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002, the Applicants elect the invention of Group I, plasma processing apparatus and attenuation means.

The election is without traverse. However, contrary to the Examiner's indication regarding Claim 35, Applicants contend that Claims 1-24, 26-28 and 47 (both occurrences) read on the elected Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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